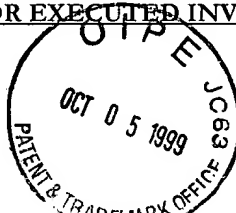


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUIREMENT FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 53(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

ARRANGEMENT FOR IMPROVING AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES IN A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☒ An abstract together with
☒ pages of specification and claims including
☒ numbered claims and also attached are
☒ sheets of accompanying drawings (Figs. 1-12).

This application is based on the following prior foreign application:

Application No.
971605

Country
Norway

Filing Date
08 April 1997

Respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

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- ☐ Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.
☐ This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
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